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Re: Alenco Communications, Inc. et al.,  
Petition For Declaratory Ruling And Preemption  
CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Alenco Communications, Inc., The Texas Telephone Association, The Texas Statewide Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and others (collectively "Petitioners") in the referenced proceeding, hereby respond to the six week extension of time requested by DialToneServices, L.P. ("DTS"), for the filing of initial and reply comments. DTS requested the extension by its letter dated May 16, 2007.

Petitioners oppose the required extension of six weeks as unwarranted under the circumstances. Instead, Petitioners suggest an extension of the comment cycle of two weeks for the filing of initial comments (i.e., to June 8, 2007) and an extension of two weeks for the filing of reply comments (to June 25, 2007).

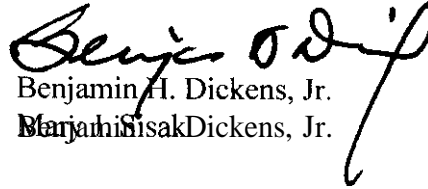
Petitioners agree with DTS that the matters before the Commission and the Joint Board, centering upon universal service reform, merit the attention of the telecommunications industry. The matters before the Commission in the instant proceeding, however, are no less pressing, **as** Petitioners contend that the challenged Texas P.U.C. Order is an example of excesses in the universal funding mechanism, which illustrates the need for reform and the Commission's immediate attention..

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Petitioners thus submit that the suggested two week extension represents a more balanced approach. DTS will not profit from an additional six week delay in the resolution of the case and, if it desires to participate in the rulemaking dockets, as it says, it should have ample time.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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